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MAY 17 2006

The Honorable Louise M. Slaughter
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Slaughter:

This is in further response to your April 19, 2006, letter to the DoD Inspector General. You expressed concern about Department of Defense procurement policies for body armor and armored vehicles.

On November 17, 2005, we initiated a review to determine whether units deployed to Iraq were equipped in accordance with mission requirements. A copy of the audit announcement letter is enclosed. The audit will specifically determine whether units were provided the required items of equipment and whether equipment modifications satisfied mission requirements. We will address your concerns related to body armor in this review.

We initiated a separate review on May 17, 2006, to address your concerns related to armored vehicles. A copy of the audit announcement memorandum for that review is also enclosed. We will provide you the results of both reviews as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (703) 604-8324.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Crane", is written over the typed name.

John R. Crane
Assistant Inspector General
Communications and Congressional Liaison

Enclosures:
As stated



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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION,
TECHNOLOGY, AND LOGISTICS
NAVAL INSPECTOR GENERAL
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: Audit of Procurement Policy for Armored Vehicles
(Project No. D2006-D000CK-0210.000)

We plan to begin the subject audit in June 2006. We are conducting this audit in response to Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter's request dated April 19, 2006, to review DoD procurement policies for armored vehicles. Specifically, we will review the procurement history for armored vehicle contracts to Armor Holdings, Inc., and Force Protection, Inc., in support of the Global War on Terrorism. We will fully consider suggestions from management on additional or revised objectives.

We plan to perform the audit at the Tank-automotive and Armaments Command, Marine Corps Systems Command, Armor Holdings, Inc., Force Protection, Inc., and additional locations to be determined during the audit.

Management must provide a point of contact in writing within 30 days of the date of this memorandum. The point of contact must be a Government employee, either a GS-15 or the military equivalent. Please include the name, title, grade, phone number, and e-mail address. Management must send the name of the point of contact by mail, by fax [(703) 604-9204 (DSN 664-9204)], or by e-mail in electronic format (Adobe Acrobat file only) to AudACM@dodig.mil.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Deborah L. Carros at (703) 604-9217 (DSN 664-9217) or Ms. Beth K. Schaefer at (703) 604-9232 (DSN 664-9232).

You can obtain information about the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General from DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense," April 13, 2006; DoD Directive 7600.2, "Audit Policies," March 20, 2004; and DoD Instruction 7050.3, "Access to Records and Information by the Inspector General, Department of Defense," April 24, 2000. Our Web site address is: www.dodig.mil.

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Richard B. Jolliffe
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The Honorable Louise M. Slaughter
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3221

Dear Representative Slaughter:

This is in further response to your April 19, 2006, letter regarding DoD procurement policy for armored vehicles. You expressed concern whether DoD followed proper procedures for the procurement of armored vehicles.

On May 17, 2006, we initiated an audit on procurement policy for armored vehicles. We are still in the process of conducting audit work at the DoD activities related to Army and Marine Corps contracts with Armor Holdings, Inc., and Force Protection, Inc., for armored vehicles. We will provide you the results of the audit upon its completion.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (703) 604-8324.

Sincerely,

William P. Hoehning

for

John R. Crane

Assistant Inspector General
Communications and Congressional Liaison